

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INFERIOR QUALITY FENCING

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the quality of fencing at Indo-Bangladesh border is inferior and infiltrators manage to cross border;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard along with the length in Kilometres of such fencing;
- (c) the details of action taken against the agencies those used such a poor quality material;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to restart the fencing work in those areas;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the amount likely to be spent thereon; and
- (f) the time by when refencing work in such areas is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (f): No Sir. The quality of fencing along the Indo Bangladesh Border is as per laid down specifications of CPWD. The work is being executed by Assam PWD, Tripura PWD, CPWD, BRO and few Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs).

854 Kms. of border fence erected under Phase-I in West Bengal, Meghalaya and Assam was single row. It has now been decided to replace this fence with modified and improved design of double row fence as is being done in Phase-II. This work is scheduled to be completed by 2008.

However, to ensure monitoring of quality of work, the Govt. of India has engaged Engineers India Limited (EIL) and Rail India Technical & Economic Services (RITES) for Third Party Inspection.

To check infiltration from across the border the Govt. of India has taken the following steps;

- a) Close co-ordination with other Agencies including State Governments;
- b) Round the clock surveillance of the border by patrolling;
- c) Conduct of special operations;
- d) Up-gradation of intelligence network;
- e) Augmentation of strength for patrolling/naka duties;
- f) Erection of border fencing and construction of border roads.